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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM AFGHANISTAN PRESIDENT DAOUD

1. FYI FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE: IT IS WITH MUCH PLEASURE THAT I CONVEY TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY THE GREETINGS OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE PEOPLE OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE GREAT OCCASION OF THE
BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

THE HEROIC REVOLUTION OF THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE AGAINST
COLONIALISM IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AND HISTORIC
EVENTS OF THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD. THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANI-
STAN HAVING HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE FOR THE RESTORATION OF
THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE DO NOT ONLY APPRECIATE ITS HISTORIC
SIGNIFICANCE BUT FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE SPIRIT OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE.

I WISH TO JOIN MY PEOPLE IN EXTENDING OUR HEARTFELT CON-
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GRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE

GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE MORE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. END
QUOTE

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT DAOUD.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME
MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-
CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUN-
TRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
END QUOTE

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO.

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